

Sustainable Small Acreage Farming Overview Class
Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fall 2004 – Soils 404

Date	Topic	Assignments
Week 1: Sept 8	Introduction and Overview Sylvia Kantor and Brad Gaolach, WSU King County Extension	Assignment 1: Due Next Week 9/15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Farming Alternatives (Chapter 1) and How to Establish Goals in notebook. • Complete worksheets: Evaluating Farm Related Interests, and pages 4 and 8 in Farming Alternatives. • Begin to develop farm goals statement by Describing Your Small Farm Dream. • Read: Sustainability in Agriculture
On your own time (While Farmers Markets are still open).	Field Trip I: Farmers Market Assessment	Field Trip I Assignment Complete by Oct 27
Week 2: Sept 15	What Is a Sustainable Small Farm? Erik Haakenson, Jubilee Farm, Carnation, WA	Assignment 2: Due Next Week 9/22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: What Can I Do With My Small Farm? • Read: Livestock for Small Acreage Landowners • Read: Sustainable Beef Production • Read: Profitable Poultry: Raising Birds on Pasture and Due Next Week 9/25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Principles of Sustainable Weed Management for Croplands • Read: A Whole-Farm Approach to Managing Pests; • Read: Biointensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Parts 1 and 2
Week 3: Sept 22	Introduction to Animal Production Systems Pat Labine, Oyster Bay Farm VIDEO CONF. broadcast	Assignment 3: Due Next Week 9/29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read three farm case studies. Compare and contrast their crop production practices. • Read: Small Fruits • Read: Chapter 4 in Farming Alternatives
Sept 25 SATURDAY	Pests: Insects and Weeds (Field Class) Brad Gaolach at Oxbow Farm and Growing Things Farm, Carnation, WA	
Week 4: Sept 29	Vegetable and Fruit Production Keith Underwood, WSU Extension	Assignment 4: Due Next Week 10/6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Soil Sampling, Soil Management for Small Farms, and Soil Biodiversity • Read: Composting Process • Complete worksheets 4.1-4.6 in Farming Alternatives

Oct 2 SATURDAY	Field Trip II: Harvest Celebration	Field Trip II Assignment Complete by October 6.
Week 5: Oct 6	Soils/Compost Craig Cogger, WSU Puyallup VIDEO CONF. broadcast	Assignment 5: Due Next Week 10/13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Chapter 2 in Farming Alternatives • Complete: Resource Evaluation worksheets. • Review: Farm Goal Statements from Assignment
Week 6: Oct 13	Discussion/Presentation TBA	Assignment 6: Due Next Week 10/20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Rotational Grazing
Week 7: Oct 20	Pasture Management Steve Fransen, WSU Extension VIDEO CONF. from Prosser	Assignment 7: Due Next Week 10/27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Chapter 3 in Farming Alternatives
Week 8: Oct 27	Marketing Options Andrew Stout, Full Circle Farm, Carnation, WA	Assignment 8: Due Next Week 11/3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Chapter 5 in Farming Alternatives
Oct 29 FRIDAY 10-12:30am	Organic Livestock Production Satellite broadcast (optional)	
Week 9: Nov 3	Value Added Enterprises Wade Bennett, Rockridge Orchards, Enumclaw, WA	Assignment 9: Due Next Week 11/10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read: Evaluating a Rural Enterprise and Using Enterprise Budgets in notebook.
Week 10: Nov 10	Practical Record Keeping and Budgeting Terry Carkner, Terry's Berries, Puyallup, WA VIDEO CONF broadcast	Assignment 10: Due Next Week 11/17 Begin to determine expenses for farming enterprise Work on farm plan presentation. Students assigned presentation date.
Week 11: Nov 17	Evaluating Your Plan Sylvia Kantor and Brad Gaolach	Assignment 11: Due Next Week 12/1 or 12/8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on presentations.
Thanksgiving Week Nov 24	NO CLASS	
Week 12: Dec 1	Student Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue working on presentations
Week 13: Dec 8	Student Presentations and Wrap Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic students turn in written reports of presentations – Due Dec. 15.